BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Amendment of Parts 2, 21, and 94 of the Commission's Rules to Accommodate Private Microwave Systems in the 1.71-1.85 GHz Band and in Bands Above 3 GHz

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COMMENTS OF SOUTHWESTERN BELL CORPORATION

Southwestern Bell Corporation ("SBC"), on behalf of its operating subsidiaries and affiliates, submits these comments in general support of the *Petition for Rule Making* filed by the Utilities Telecommunications Council ("UTC") on March 31, 1992 in the above matter.

I. Introduction.

UTC seeks amendment of the Commission's rules

(Parts 2, 21, and 94) to provide for use of frequencies in
the 1.71-1.85, 3.7-4.2, 5.925-6.425, and 10.7-11.7 GHz bands
by private microwave systems licensed under Part 94 of the
Commission's rules. Such an amendment is necessary in order
to accommodate such systems should they be required to
relocate their facilities as a result of proposed actions in
ET Docket No. 92-9.2 UTC further requests that the

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¹The Commission issued a *Public Notice* on UTC's petition releasing it for public comment on May 1, 1992. SBC's comments are being filed in response to that *Notice*.

²See Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, ET Docket No. 92-9, FCC 92-20, released February 7, 1992. In that Docket, the Commission proposes to allocate 220 MHz of spectrum within

Commission defer action in Et Docket No. 92-9, wherein the Commission seeks to establish a "spectrum reserve" for emerging technologies, pending the outcome of UTC's proposed, separate rulemaking here.

SBC supports both UTC requests. However, the UTC requests and the related rulemaking should be expanded to include the same relief for common carrier licensees who also could be potentially displaced by the proposed actions in ET Docket No. 92-9. Thus, included in the rulemaking should be amendments to Parts 22, 63, and 90 of the Commission's rules and any other amendments needed to permit common carriers to use the specific frequencies designated in UTC's petition.

II. <u>Separate Proceeding</u>.

rulemaking specifically to address technical and coordination rules associated with potentially displaced existing 2 GHz facility licensees. It is imperative that such rules be in place prior to any spectrum relocation of existing users. Currently, the proposals in ET Docket No. 92-9 do not set forth, propose or specifically discuss those requirements, and it is clear from UTC's petition that they must be addressed.

the 2 GHz band as a reserve band for emerging technologies and to relocate or displace existing users of that spectrum.

III. Timing.

SBC further agrees that action in ET Docket No. 92-9 should be deferred pending action in this rulemaking or should run parallel to that action. anticipates the need to examine in more detail the technical feasibility of relocating 2 GHz licensees to frequencies above 3 GHz or to government frequencies below 2 GHz (e.g., the 1710-1850 MHz government band). If relocation is or will be required, the Commission must have a greater knowledge of whether all, or potentially all, existing 2 GHz users can in fact be relocated to the alternative frequencies, and it must have specific rules in place that will specifically accommodate such relocation. If existing users cannot be accommodated, the Commission may want to revise or scale down its proposed ET Docket No. 92-9 reallocation decision. The record in ET Docket No. 92-9 simply does not contain sufficient information on this point or on a number of other technical and coordination steps and requirements that need examination.

IV. Conclusion.

For each of the above reasons, SBC supports UTC's petition so long as the proposed rulemaking is expanded to

³Existing users should in many instances have priority since their use is proven, whereas many of the proposed uses are merely speculative.

include the same relief and examination of issues for common carrier as well as private radio licensees.

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